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This application is a continuation of copending Application No. 09/059,531, filed April 13, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of three parent applications, namely Application No. 08/730,327, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,353, Application No. 08/730,496, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,222, both of which claim priority to Provisional Application No. 60/005,164 filed October 13, 1995 and Application No. 08/837,295, filed April 11, 1997 which claims priority to Provisional Application No. 60/028,922, filed August 26, 1996, and also is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/730,327, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,353 and Application No. 09/730,496, filed October 11, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,830,222. The entire disclosures of such related applications are incorporated herein by reference herein.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated Applicant provisionally elects Species 1 (TMDCR with passageway formed between a chamber of the heart and coronary vein), without traverse, for prosecution on the merits in the event that no generic claims is ultimately deemed allowable. At present, Claims 1-28 recite TMDCR methods in which a passageway formed between a chamber of the heart and a coronary vein. Thus, Claims 1-28 are believed to read on the elected species.